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In re Patent Application of

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For: **BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE CONJUGATES HAVING A
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IDENTIFICATION OF SAID DERIVATIVE**

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August 31, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements (copy attached) dated July 2, 2001, the applicants respectfully submit that the present specification does not disclose any unbranched sequence of four or more amino acids or unbranched sequence of ten or more nucleotides, wherein amino acids are defined as those L-amino acids commonly found in naturally occurring proteins and are listed in WIPO Standard ST. 25 (1998), Appendix 2, Table 3. See, Rule 821. Specifically, the applicants submit that the sequence listed at page 15, lines 9-10 of the application should not be required to be included in a Sequence Listing. However, if this position is incorrect, the Office is respectfully requested to advise the undersigned and to indicate by reference to the rules or MPEP where such is required so that the undersigned can properly inform the applicant.

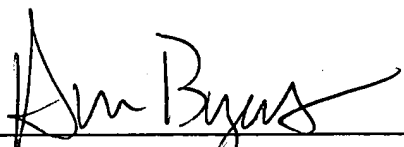
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A copy of the Notification to Comply that was attached to the Notification of Missing Requirements of July 2, 2001, is attached.

The Office is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required.
An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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